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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Sir,

In the Action dated June 4, 2004, the Examiner newly cited a patent to Malm, and seemed to rely on its teachings in paragraph 3. However, in the statement of rejection, Malm is not mentioned.

If the Examiner intends reliance on Malm for any teaching, then it is respectfully suggested that a Final rejection is not appropriate. Instead, applicant submits that a new, non-final, action should be issued, expressly applying Malm in a rejection.

Absent a further, non-final action, applicant understands that the only art applied against the pending claims is Greenberg, and it is on this basis that applicant plans an appeal.

The Examiner is invited to clarify.

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